



# Press Release

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On: DECEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY  
UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

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Austin . . . The December 1, 2006 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 930,000, was unchanged from the December 2005 number.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 95,000 head, down 5 percent from last year's estimate, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The December 1 market hog inventory totaled 835,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 270,000 was unchanged from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 200,000 head, was up 3 percent from the December 2005 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds, totaled 190,000 head, 6 percent above last year, and hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 175,000 head, were 5 percent below the previous year's estimate.

The 2006 Texas pig crop totaled 1.66 million head, 3 percent above the 2005 pig crop. From December 2005 through November 2006, pigs per litter averaged 9.14, down slightly from the previous year. State Director, David Abbe, reported that 182,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2005 through November 2006, compared to 177,000 the previous year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 is estimated at 62.1 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago but down 1 percent from the September 1, 2006 inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for September-November 2006 was 26.6 million head, up 1 percent from the previous year. U.S. producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2006-February 2007 period, up 2 percent from actual farrowings during the same period in 2006.